

REMARKS

Claims 8-13 and 17-22 are currently pending in this application as amended. Claims 8 and 18 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant claims as his invention. Support for the amendments to claim 8 and 18 may be found, for example, in the original Specification at page 4, lines 25-27, page 5, lines 10-12, and in the original drawings. Claims 21 and 22 have been added. Support for the added claims may be found, for example, in the original Specification at page 4, lines 25-27 and in original Figs. 3-4. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 8-11, 13, and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0060270 (“Binkley”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the rejection of claims 8-11, 13, and 17-20 be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

Claim 8, as amended, is directed to a flatscreen touchscreen table-top amusement device and recites, *inter alia*,

the rear-mounted support stand configured to receive and support the display housing, the rear mounted support stand configured to receive a revenue system, the rear mounted support stand and revenue system being generally aligned about a middle of the display housing, at least a portion of the revenue system being located behind the display housing.

[Emphasis added]

Claim 18, as amended, is similarly directed to a flatscreen touchscreen table-top amusement device and recites, *inter alia*,

the rear-mounted support stand configured to receive and support the display housing, the rear-mounted support stand including a coin acceptor having a coin acceptance slot located in a top front facing section of the rear-mounted support stand above a top edge of the display housing and a paper currency acceptor having a paper currency acceptance slot located in a bottom front facing section of the rear-mounted support stand below the bottom

edge of the display housing, at least a portion of the coin acceptor being located behind the display housing.

[Emphasis added]

Binkley fails to teach, suggest, or disclose locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing of the amusement device.

Referring to Figs. 5-6, Binkley discloses a gaming terminal 10" having a monitor 16" resting on a support surface 21" of an upper portion 12U" of a base 12". A support arm 22" with lateral protruding members 22a", 22b" are received in arcuate recesses 23a", 23b" in the upper portion 12U" for moving the monitor 16" to a desired position relative to the base 12". See paragraph [0040]. A middle portion 12M" of the base 12", located completely below the monitor 16", includes a card reader 15 and payment apparatus 122". (Emphasis added). See paragraph [0037].

The present application describes a table-top touchscreen amusement device having a rear-mounted support stand receiving and supporting a display housing. The rear-mounted support stand includes a revenue system. At least a portion of the revenue system is located behind the display housing. For example, Figs. 3 and 4 show a coin box 22b as part of a coin acceptor 22, the coin box 22b being entirely located directly behind the display housing 16. This orientation is particularly suited for bar or table-top amusement devices because the overall height of the device is thereby reduced, allowing a user to see over the device as necessary. In addition, the width of the device is also reduced.

In contrast, the card reader 15 and payment apparatus 122" (such as a coin acceptor) of Binkley are explicitly mounted completely below the monitor 16" and not behind the monitor 16" at all. See paragraph [0037]. The Binkley design does not result in the height savings generated by the orientation of the components of the present application, as described above. The height of the Binkley terminal 10" is actually increased by the heights of the card reader 15 and payment apparatus 122" respectively. Binkley therefore does not teach, suggest, or disclose locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing.

Additionally, it would not be possible for a portion of the card reader 15 or payment apparatus 122" in Binkley to be located behind the monitor 16" because the relocation would interfere with the recesses 23a", 23b" behind the monitor 16", thus limiting the adjustability of the monitor 16". The object of Binkley is to provide a gaming terminal with adjustable components so that a gamer may play a game in a comfortable position, "which may significantly increase the duration of time a gamer will remain at that gaming terminal." See paragraphs [0002], [0008], [0026]. By moving a portion of a revenue system behind the monitor 16", the object of Binkley is eviscerated, rendering Binkley unworkable for its intended use.

Accordingly, because Binkley does not and could not include at least a portion of a revenue system located behind a display housing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claims 8 and 18 be withdrawn.

Claims 9-11, 13, and 19 are dependent upon claim 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 9-11, 13, 19 based upon anticipation by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least their dependence on claim 8.

Claim 20 is dependent upon claim 18. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 20 based upon anticipation by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least its dependence on claim 18.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Binkley. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the rejection of claim 12 be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

Claim 12 is dependent upon claim 8. As described above, Binkley fails to teach, suggest, or disclose at least one element of claim 8, namely, locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing. The Examiner's rejection does not cite any other reference, and therefore the deficiency of Binkley as a prior art reference is not ameliorated. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 12 based upon obviousness by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least its dependence on claim 8.

New Claims

New claim 21 is dependent upon independent claim 8. New claim 22 is dependent upon independent claim 18. As described above, Binkley fails to teach, suggest, or disclose at least one element of each of claims 8 and 18, namely, locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing. Additionally, claims 21-22 are each also directed to the missing feature of Binkley.

Accordingly, based upon the above, claims 21-22 are patentable over Binkley, and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application including claims 8-13 and 17-22, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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